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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

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III. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE (check at least one box)

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1. ☐ See the attached foreign search report.
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3. ☐ Other:

C. ☐ The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration.

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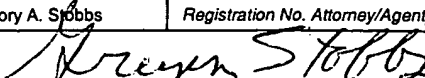
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